

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: November 7, 2003

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Definition of Equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree

Section (s) Affected: 1079.2

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

The proposed change to Section 1079.2 would define the "equivalent" of a Bachelor's Degree as 120 semester units. The proposed changes would also recognize that the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation has been succeeded by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Factual Basis:

The Committee on Dental Auxiliaries has determined that there is a need to amend section 1079.2 to define the term "equivalent" [of a bachelor's degree] so that applicants for RDHAP understand the requirements that must be met for licensure.

In the report entitled "Bachelor's Degree Requirements" by the California State University at Sacramento, it has been determined that 120 semester units is required for a Bachelor's Degree. The Dental Board believes that CSUS is an example of an institute of higher education that quantifies a Bachelor's Degree as 120 semester units.

Underlying Data

1. Recommendation of the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries to the Dental Board of California, April 4, 2003.
2. "Bachelor's Degree Requirements", California State University at Sacramento website, <http://webapps1.csus.edu/admr/home/DegreeEval/bachelordegreereq.asp>
3. United States Department of Education, website <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/accreditation/natlrecognition.html>

Business Impact:

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Dental Board of California would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.